

201 E. Weed St.
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To The Planning Commission, Mayor and all
City Council Members,

I am a life long resident of St. Marys. I have lived at 306 Ready and next door at the corner of Ready and Weed for 70 years. I am very concerned about the possibility of the old Gilmax property being rezoned to industrial so that the Port of St. Marys Industrial and Logistics Center can build on that site.

The statement was made and published in the Tribune & Georgian that it would not change or effect the historic down town St. Marys in any way. This is a ridiculous as well as a false statement. Living in St. Marys all my life I have first hand knowledge of the noise and vibration paper mill produced. You can feel the vibrations from the mills in Fernandina in the gate of the night now. I have seen the amount of traffic it produced and the noise and vibration of the trains coming in and out of the mill property.

I know how badly our community needs jobs, but this rezoning would not be in the best interest of St. Marys. Anyone who has ever seen and or been around a large port or any type of unloading port can see and hear that this is something St. Marys does

do not need.

Ask people why they chose St Marys to live, and they will tell you its because of the history and quite small town friendliness of St. Marys, and the beauty of all the waterways and marshes.

They did not come here to see a large part or any other type of industry in St. Marys. They did not chose St Marys to feel good about having friends and family come to visit and see an industrial site, and not our lovely small town, and beautiful coastal rivers and marshes.

I feel if we allow rezoning to industrial that property values will drop. Owning properties in down town area I am very concerned that will happen.

I also feel that rezoning this property to industrial would cause many problems for the Navy Submarine Base at Kings Bay.

I read in the Tribune and Georgian that where it was stated that stone fencing and mounds could be used to hide the large port. Believe me you can not hide the presence of a large port in St. Marys.

I stand firmly against rezoning the Gelman Property to industrial.

I thank you for accepting my opinion, and I trust you will consider it.

Sincerely
Joan Holland